

John Grimble

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Overview

John is a partner in our Real Estate team with more than 25 years of experience. He is a Law Society of NSW accredited property specialist and acts for property investors and developers.

John understands precisely the particular needs of local and international property clients and provides timely and realistic advice in relation to acquisitions, developments and disposals. John also has extensive experience in commercial, industrial and retail leasing transactions for major commercial and retail landlords. In addition, landlords and major national tenants frequently call on his skills for resolution of complex leasing disputes.

John and his team are focused on personalized service delivery, responsiveness and cultural alignment with their in-bound Asian clients. He provides his clients with timely and realistic advice that considers not only the legal aspects, but also the commercial and financial elements of their transactions.

Experience

- **Major tenant leasing:** Advising on retail, industrial and commercial office pro-tenant leasing and on the resolution of complex leasing disputes.
- **HNI and family offices:** Acting for local and inbound high net worth and family office clients – the provision of property management legal services, developments and acquisitions and disposals.
- **Greenfield developments:** Coordinating property development and acquisition of greenfield sites in northwest and southwest sectors of Sydney and the Hunter Region, including the negotiation of memoranda of understanding with NSW government and coordination of related voluntary planning agreements.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising substantial overseas and local property groups including Abacus Property Group, CSR Property, Visionary Investment Group, Harman Global Group, Mulpha Norwest Limited, Pitt Street Securities Limited and Australian Unity concerning acquisition and disposal of NSW assets.
- **Confidential client:** Advising on significant development industrial leasing projects in Erskine Park and East Sydney.
- **Confidential client:** Advising on shopping center acquisition and development in metropolitan Sydney and

regional NSW.

- **Confidential clients:** Coordinating of significant commercial office, industrial and retail leasing projects and is involved in large-scale leasing transactions.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising on the acquisition, operation and disposal of licensed hotels, resorts, motels and conference centres in NSW.
- **Confidential clients:** Proposed sales coordinating for Mulpha Norwest Limited, FKP Limited, Bridgehill Group, Visionary Investment Group, Harman & Silverstone Group, D&A Property Group.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising on the acquisition and sale of a number of regional shopping centers including Tamworth City Plaza, Oxley Mall in Bowral, and Kmart Plaza in Armidale.
- **Confidential clients:** Conducting of large scale off-the-plan volume sales of residential and mixed-use real estate in metropolitan Sydney such as 'Luxe' Domain, Mulgoa Rise, Portobello Annandale, Aster Crows Nest, Lux Hornsby, Tribeca St Leonards, Watermark Norwest, Central Park Lakes Norwest, Primrose Rosebery, Kew Roseville, Mascot Circle, and Uptown Roseville.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising on the acquisition, development and disposal of industrial subdivisions including at Berkeley Vale and a 50-hectare industrial subdivision at Regency Green in Auburn.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising on the acquisition, development and construction of the residential and commercial heritage component of an integrated development comprising part of the Lend Lease headquarters in Sydney.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising on the acquisition and disposal of substantial industrial investment properties including City Close Alexandria, Bunnings facilities and major redevelopment sites at Parramatta Road Five Dock.
- **Confidential clients:** Advising on structuring of property investment groups.

Recognition

- John has been voted by his peers as one of Australia's "Best Lawyers" in Commercial Law in 2014

Insights

- "Investing into Australia – FIRB provides clarification around temporary changes," April 3, 2020
- "COVID-19 commercial/industrial lease review: Local and global," March 31, 2020
- "Sunset dates legislation – sterilised development sites," May 29, 2017
- "Surcharge tax hits discretionary trusts," Dentons client alert, December 23, 2016
- "Liquor law reforms – a Christmas gift for small bars, restaurants, landlords, and financiers!," Dentons client alert, December 8, 2016
- "New laws for loose-fill asbestos insulation," Dentons client alert, July 4, 2016
- "What you need to know about the NSW stamp duty surcharge," Dentons client alert, June 15, 2016
- "New Australian foreign investment laws now in effect," Dentons client alert, December 2, 2015

Activities and Affiliations

- Law Society of NSW

- Property Council of Australia
- Accredited Specialist in Property Law (Law Society of New South Wales)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Real Estate
- Commercial Development
- Real Estate Leasing Occupation and Operation
- Residential and Condominium Development

Industry sectors

- Family Office and High Net Worth
- Hotels and Leisure

Education

- University of Sydney, Bachelor of Arts
- University of Sydney, Bachelor of Laws

Admissions and qualifications

- New South Wales, Australia, December, 1982